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Applicant has enclosed a copy of each article cited and each foreign document cited. Copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed.

English language abstracts are provided for all non-English language references, except DE 203 10 991 U1. For that reference, Applicant provides a concise explanation of relevance.

In particular, based on Applicant's understanding, the DE 203 10 991 U1 reference describes a portable electrical stimulator for stimulating a hand that holds the stimulator. The stimulator includes two external electrodes, coupled to an electrical circuit within the stimulator, for delivering stimulation energy.

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